

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

Music Director – Gregory Fraser

** Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

PRELUDE: Liszt

INTROIT: Lead Me Lord

SHEEP PEN: Finals Week

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said:

All: “When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself.”

Leader: All: Blessed be the God of our salvation

All: who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Holy God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus, you lift the suffering world toward hope and transformation and open the way to eternal salvation. As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ, may your law of love be written on our hearts as he draws all people to himself revealing your love for the world. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: Here In This Place (GTG #401)

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Leader: This is the judgment that the light has come into the world, for people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us uncover our sin before the liberating light of Christ. Let us pray:

All: Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we live sinfully and deceitfully. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we me know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**All: What great news – in Christ we are forgiven and made new!
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with all of you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with each other in community.

WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE: Jesus Shall Reign (GTG #264)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jeremiah 31:31–34

John 12:20–33

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE: Lights On

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HYMN: When I Survey (GTG #224)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's Creed (please remain standing)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

RESPONSE: Merciful God, *hear our prayer*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY/DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN: Lift High the Cross (GTG #826)

BENEDICTION: A Prayer of St. Patrick

May the strength of God pilot us.

May the power of God preserve us.

May the wisdom of God instruct us.

May the hand of God protect us.

May the way of God direct us.

May the shield of God defend us.

May the host of God guard us

against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world.

May Christ be with us,

Christ before us,

Christ in us,

Christ over us.

May thy Salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and for evermore. Amen.

*BENEDICTION: Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace...never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

POSTLUDE: Beethoven

BUCKINGHAM
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection,
and the fellowship of his sufferings. PHILIPPIANS 3:10*

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